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LOUISVILLE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO INTERNET ENTICEMENT OF A MINOR

-Also pleads guilty to transmitting obscene material over the Internet

LOUISVILLE, KY - Kishorkumar Jivanbhai Patel, age 39, of Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, pled guilty on June 8, 2007, to using a facility or means of interstate commerce, that is, the Internet, to knowingly attempt to persuade, induce, entice, and coerce an individual who has not attained the age of 18 years to engage in sexual activity, and with using the Internet to attempt to transfer obscene material to a minor, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber announced today.

Facts

Patel admitted that between November 4, 2006, and January 29, 2007, he used the Internet to attempt to persuade, induce, entice and coerce a person Patel believed to be a 14 year old girl to engage in sexual activity. Patel was chatting in a Kentucky chat room and contacted an undercover FBI agent using Yahoo! Instant Messenger. During the on-line communications, Patel discussed engaging in sexual activity with the person he believed to be a 14 year old girl. In the chats, Patel suggested the two meet and said he wanted to engage in sexual acts with the minor, including oral and anal sex. Patel said he would bring a camera with him to the meeting and wanted to take pictures of the minor performing oral sex on him, as well as picture of his penis penetrating her vagina the first time. On December 17, 2006, he streamed real time web camera images of himself masturbating to who he thought was a 14 year old girl.

Eventually, Patel arranged to meet the person he thought was a minor on the afternoon of January 29, 2007, in the food court of a local shopping mall indicating that they would go to a nearby hotel where he would teach her about sex. Patel was arrested at the shopping mall by FBI agents when he arrived for the meeting at the designated meeting site. Patel had two condoms in the pocket of his fleece jacket he was wearing when he was arrested.

Patel was indicted on February 21, 2007.

The maximum potential penalties, are at least 10 years in prison and up to life in prison, a \$500,000 fine, and at least 5 years supervised release and up to life.

The plea was entered before United States Magistrate Judge Dave Whalin, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky.

Patel is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Russell on September 4, 2007, at 12:00 p.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales launched Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Marisa J. Ford and was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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